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To : All Regional Construction Engineers and Section Heads  
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Subject: Materials Price Index

This table indicates the average changes in prices of materials used in the construction of distribution lines financed by REA.

Computations are based on the average prices in effect on November 9, 1946, which are taken as an average of 100 points.

<u>Material</u>	<u>1940</u> Jan. 1 (1)	<u>1946</u> Nov. 9 (2)	<u>1948</u> April 1 (3)
Pole 35-7 SYP	68	100	99
35-6 SYP	68	100	100
Hardware	83	100	122
Grounds	68	100	120
Conductor #4 7/1 ACSR	95	100	122
#6A	71	100	112
#8A	77	100	110
#6SCG	81	100	125
#8SCG	82	100	121
#6HD	67	100	114
Service Wire	63	100	108
Transformer	83	100	116
Freight		100	126

PRICE CHANGES FOR TOTAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING FREIGHT INCREASE,  
BASED ON NOVEMBER 9, 1946, PRICES AS 100

<u>Conductor</u>	<u>For Col. 1(1-1-40)</u>			<u>For Col. 3(4-1-48)</u>		
<u>Type of Line</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Light</u>	<u>Heavy</u>	<u>Med.</u>	<u>Light</u>
#4ACSR 7/1	78	80	81	115	115	116
6A & 8A	74	74	--	115	115	---
6SCG & 8SCG	--	--	78	---	---	117
6HD	--	--	73	---	---	114

A report similar to this one will be issued on the first day of January, April, July, and October, reflecting price changes on those dates.

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